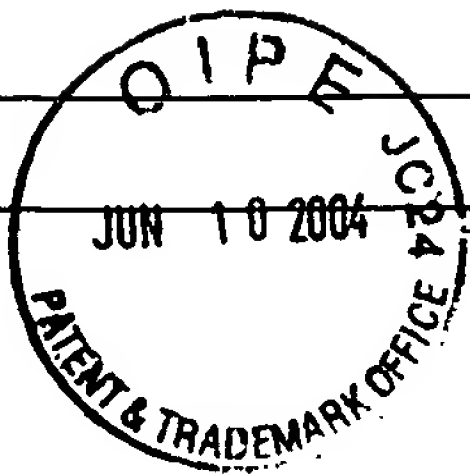


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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, and is responsive to the final Office Action dated January 13, 2004, for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before April 13, 2004. *A Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before June 13, 2004.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.